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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

~~7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the washers (8, 12, 16) is a washer or a press from which at least either at least two filtrates (FC, FD) having different physical properties are extracted or to which at least two filtrates having different physical properties are introduced.~~